

THE POLLWORKER POST

A Newsletter for Miami-Dade Pollworkers

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WELCOME TO THE PREMIERE ISSUE OF THE POLLWORKER POST!

SAY GOOD-BYE TO PUNCH BALLOTS, AND SAY HELLO TO THE NEW DRE VOTING SYSTEM!!

In the aftermath of the November 2000 Presidential Election, the Florida Legislature voted to decertify punch card voting systems. Beginning with the September 10, 2002 Primary Election, the Miami-Dade Elections Department will be utilizing a new voting system. A Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) Voting System with "Touchscreen" technology will be used at the Polling Places and an Optical Scan Voting System will be used for mail-in absentee ballot voting.

Using the new DRE Voting System voters will cast their votes by touching a computer screen with their finger or using a stylus. Following the directions on the computer system in the language of their choice (English, Spanish or Creole), voters will move from screen to screen casting their ballots. Once the voter has completed their votes on the last screen, they will be able to review their ballot and may cast their votes or go back and change the decisions made. When they touch the position to cast their votes, a message will appear on the screen that informs them that their votes have been recorded. Voters will not be able to overvote using this system. The system also affords voters who are blind or illiterate the ability to vote without the assistance of someone else. By using earphones and a special keyboard, voters will be talked through the voting process. The Voting System comes equipped with battery backups in the event of a power failure.

The contract for the new voting system is expected to be approved by the Board of County Commissioners by early February.

The Elections Department's web site has a new look! If you have Internet access please visit our web site at:
<http://elections.metro-dade.com>

With a new voting system comes the need for a new pollworker training program. Additionally, the Elections Department will begin an extensive voter education program as soon as the contract for the new equipment is awarded. In order to make this possible, our department will need your assistance. We will begin by recruiting and selecting a team of individuals to assist us in the task of educating all citizens in our community on the new system. Positions will be on a part-time basis.

Trainers

Responsibilities include:

- Receiving instruction on how to train pollworkers from lead Trainer using established lesson plan.
- Training pollworkers to work at the precinct on election day at Training sites throughout the County.
- Assisting in updating training materials
- Participating in school presentations/career days
- Assisting in "Troubleshooter" phone bank on election day regarding Pollworker procedures.

Assistant Trainers:

Responsibilities include:

- Assisting Trainer in class functions (Setting up training site, passing out class handouts, taking attendance, assisting in making demonstrations.)

Absentee Ballot Site Election Staff:

Responsibilities include:

- Overseeing Absentee Ballot Site
- Following established absentee ballot procedures to allow voters to vote prior to election day.

Pollworker Section Data Entry Specialists:

Responsibilities include:

- Recruiting, scheduling of pollworkers to training classes, assigning pollworkers to precinct. (Extensive telephone interaction with pollworkers is required.)

Voter Education Specialists (2 Person teams):

Responsibilities include:

- Educating the public in the use of new election equipment
- Educating the public with regard to election related public information (Registration information, Where to vote, when to vote, who is eligible to vote, election schedules, polling place information, etc.)
- Giving out registration cards and dissemination of any other necessary information.
- Transportation and the ability to work nights and weekends is required.

Yes, I am interested in serving our community in 2002.

I wish to be considered for one of the following elections-related position(s):

- ☐ Trainer
- ☐ Assistant Trainer
- ☐ Absentee Ballot Site Staff
- ☐ Pollworker Section Data Entry Specialist
- ☐ Voter Education Specialist / I would like to work with:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____

Date of Birth or Voter Registration Number: _____

Current Residence Address: _____

City: _____, FL Zip Code: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Work Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____ Pager Number: _____

E-mail address: _____

I have my own transportation:

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

I am willing to work during the following hours:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Days | <input type="checkbox"/> Weekends |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nights | <input type="checkbox"/> Anytime
(No preference) |

I would like to work in the following area of the County:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northwest Miami-Dade | <input type="checkbox"/> Kendall |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northeast Miami-Dade | <input type="checkbox"/> West Miami Miami-Dade |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Miami Beach | <input type="checkbox"/> South Miami-Dade |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hialeah | <input type="checkbox"/> Wherever needed
(no preference) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Miami | |

☐ I No Longer Want To Be a Pollworker.

Note: Since the Elections Department budget has not yet been approved, the salary ranges for the above referenced positions are not yet available.

Please return this form to our department at:

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Miami, FL 33128

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Please Return by Friday, January 11, 2002